

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:  
Mikes, et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR USING  
A CONCENTRIC SPECTROMETER TO  
MULTIPLEX OR DEMULTIPLEX  
OPTICAL SIGNALS

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**PETITION TO ACCEPT DECLARATION WITHOUT INVENTOR'S  
SIGNATURE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.47**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith as Exhibit A is evidence sufficiently establishing that an inventor, Thomas Mikes, of the above-identified application refuses to join in the instant application or cannot be found or reached after diligent effort. The last known address of the foregoing inventor is:

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Applicant respectfully requests that the accompanying partially-signed Declaration for the instant application be accepted by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office without the signature of

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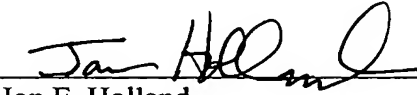
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Thomas Mikes pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a). Separately submitted herewith is an authorization to charge the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h) to Agilent Technologies' deposit account no. 50-1078.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jon E. Holland", is written over a horizontal line.

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